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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/602,907

Attorney Docket: DP-307603

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Applicant: Venkatasubramanian Ananthanarayanan et al.

Examiner: Stoner, Kiley Shawn

Title: METHOD FOR JOINING A TUBE TO A MEMBER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2004, imposing a Restriction Requirement between:

Species I, drawn to adhesive bonding; and

Species II, drawn to welding/brazing.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species II. Applicants concur with the Examiner's designation of claims 1-8 as generic. Applicants also designate claims 11-18 and 20 as reading on the Species I.

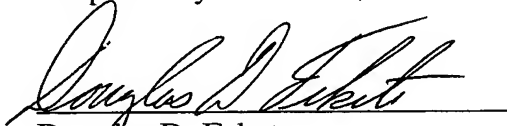
Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants reserve a right to consideration of

the claims to Species II.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas D. Fekete", is written over a horizontal line.

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